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### FARM LABOR

There were 956,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 9-15, 2006, down 4 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 718,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural services employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 238,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.79 per hour during the April 2006 reference week, up 44 cents

from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$ 8.96 per hour, up 40 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned \$9.30 per hour compared with \$9.14 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.07 per hour, was up 35 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 40.8 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 2 percent from a year ago.

### Employment, Hours Worked and Wage Rates, Southeast, April 9-15, 2006, with Comparisons

Farm Employment	April 10-16, 2005	January 8-14, 2006	April 9-15, 2006
<b>FARM WORKERS</b>	Thousand		
Hired.....	36	28	31
Expected to be Employed:			
150 Days or More.....	26	23	24
149 Days or Less .....	10	5	7
<b>HOURS WORKED:</b>	Hours per Week		
Hired .....	32.0	34.5	36.5
<b>WAGE RATES FOR:</b>	Dollars per Hour		
All Hired Workers 1/2 .....	8.83	9.45	9.19
Type of Worker:			
Field & Livestock Combined..	8.38	8.75	8.55
Field .....	8.41	8.74	8.49
Livestock .....	8.30	8.75	8.68

1/ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. 2/Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

### EGG PRODUCTION

**SOUTH CAROLINA'S** laying flocks produced 104 million eggs during April up 4 percent from a year ago. Production totaled 85 million table eggs and 19 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 5,103,000 birds, which was up 3 percent from 4,995,000 a year ago. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,038 eggs, compared with 2,018 in April 2005.

**UNITED STATES** egg production totaled 7.54 billion during April 2006 up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.48 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 998 million were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The number of layers during April 2006 averaged 348 million, up 1 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,164 eggs, up slightly from April 2005.

### BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION

During the month of April, **SOUTH CAROLINA'S** broiler hatcheries produced 18.3 million chicks, down 1 percent from last year.

The **UNITED STATES** broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2006 totaled 787 million, down 1 percent from April 2005. Eggs in incubators totaled 658 million on May 1, 2006, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

### CHICKS HATCHED by Commercial Hatcheries

Flock Type and Area	April 2006	Jan-April 2006
	Thousand	
<b>Broiler Type:</b>		
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>18,264</b>	<b>73,389</b>
United States	787,064	3,141,350
<b>Egg Type:</b>		
United States	34,613	142,618

### HENS AND PULLETS OF LAYING AGE, April 2006

Selected States	Average No. of Layers	Eggs Produced	Eggs per 100 Layers
	Thousand	Million	Number
Alabama	8,917	163	1,828
Florida	11,111	248	2,232
Georgia	19,326	390	2,018
North Carolina	11,060	220	1,989
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>5,103</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>2,038</b>
United States	348,454	7,541	2,164

## PEACH PRODUCTION

Based on June 1 conditions, SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2006 **PEACH PRODUCTION** is expected to total 60.0 thousand tons, down 20 percent from last year, and 14 percent below 2004. A late frost and freeze occurred in upstate South Carolina during the bloom and early fruit development stages. Widely scattered hailstorms have also caused extensive damage to some producers' fruit crops. Other growers have experienced no damage from weather and are reporting a good crop. As of June 4, harvest was 12 percent complete, slightly above normal.

The 2006 **PEACH CROP** in the THREE MAJOR STATES, California, Georgia, and South Carolina is forecast at 870,000 tons, down 12 percent from 2005 and 21 percent below two years ago.

The California Clingstone crop is forecast at 380,000 tons, down 5 percent from the May 1 forecast and 21 percent below 2005. The Freestone crop is forecast at 380,000 tons, up 3 percent from the May 1 forecast but 1 percent below the 2005 crop. Georgia's peach crop is forecast at 50,000 tons, up 25 percent from last year's below normal crop but 5 percent below 2004. A cool and dry spring delayed fruit maturity, while a late March freeze cut potential production on some early varieties. However, the dry weather reduced disease pressures and the overall crop condition is reported as good. Harvest began in mid May and reached 9 percent complete at month's end, which is about a week behind the normal pace. Fruit size and quality is expected to be good.

### Total Production by Crop, State and United States, 2004-2005 and Forecasted June 1, 2006

State	Total Production		
	2004	2005	2006
	----- Tons -----		
California, All	975,000	869,000	760,000
Clingstone 1/	539,000	484,000	380,000
Freestone	436,000	385,000	380,000
Georgia	52,500	40,000	50,000
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,097,500</b>	<b>984,000</b>	<b>870,000</b>

1/ CA Clingstone is over-the-scale tonnage and includes culls and cannery diversions.

## PEANUT COUNTY ESTIMATES

### Acreage, Yield, and Production, by Counties, South Carolina, 2004 and 2005

County	Acres Planted 1/		Acres Harvested 2/		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production 2/	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	----- Acres -----				--- Pounds ---		-- Thou. Pounds--	
Allendale	3/	2,800	3/	2,800	3/	2,910	3/	8,148
Bamberg	3/	3,600	3/	3,600	3/	3,075	3/	11,070
Barnwell	3/	3,750	3/	3,750	3/	2,540	3/	9,525
Calhoun	3/	9,200	3/	9,000	3/	2,945	3/	26,504
Dorchester	3/	4,300	3/	4,300	3/	2,605	3/	11,200
Florence	3/	3,100	3/	2,200	3/	3,090	3/	6,797
Georgetown	3/	750	3/	750	3/	2,435	3/	1,826
Hampton	3/	4,200	3/	3,800	3/	2,300	3/	8,740
Horry	3/	950	3/	900	3/	2,740	3/	2,466
Lee	3/	2,150	3/	2,150	3/	2,615	3/	5,622
Orangeburg	3/	15,700	3/	15,500	3/	2,810	3/	43,558
Sumter	3/	1,500	3/	1,500	3/	3,100	3/	4,650
Williamsburg	3/	4,200	3/	3,550	3/	2,460	3/	8,732
Other Counties	3/	6,800	3/	6,200	3/	3,090	3/	19,162
<b>STATE</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>63,000</b>	<b>33,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>112,200</b>	<b>168,000</b>

1/ Includes acreage for green nuts. 2/ Acreage and production estimated for peanuts for nuts only. 3/ Other counties not published separately due to established agency guidelines. County data for 2004 not published separately due to established agency guidelines.

## SWEET POTATOES

### Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production: Selected States and United States, 2005 and 2004 1/

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	----- Thou. Acres -----				----- Cwt. -----		---- Thou. Cwt ----	
California	11.5	11.7	11.5	11.7	280	285	3,220	3,335
Louisiana	16.0	18.0	15.5	17.0	150	145	2,325	2,465
North Carolina	45.0	36.0	43.0	35.0	160	170	6,880	5,950
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>128</b>
United States	96.9	91.0	92.8	88.4	174	178	16,112	15,730

**CATTLE, BEEF COWS AND MILK COWS INVENTORY,  
By Counties, South Carolina, January 1, 2005 and 2006**

County	All Cattle and Calves		All Beef Cows That Have Calves		All Milk Cows That Have Calved	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Abbeville	19,100	18,700	12,100	11,500	1/	--
Aiken	11,900	11,900	5,300	6,500	1/	--
Allendale	3,700	3,200	1,200	1,000		--
Anderson	47,500	42,000	26,000	22,300	900	900
Bamberg	7,200	7,500	2,000	2,000	1,450	1,500
Barnwell	5,000	3,800	1,400	1,100	--	--
Beaufort	600	700	400	400	--	--
Berkeley	1,900	2,000	1,000	1,200	--	--
Calhoun	2,300	2,400	1,300	1,000	--	--
Charleston	2,100	2,500	1,300	1,100	--	--
Cherokee	9,900	8,800	5,800	5,300	--	--
Chester	13,200	12,200	8,400	6,600	1/	--
Chesterfield	11,800	11,000	6,000	6,200	--	--
Clarendon	4,400	4,100	1,500	1,600	1/	--
Colleton	4,200	4,300	2,200	2,500	--	--
Darlington	5,200	5,200	2,400	2,400	1/	--
Dillon	1,900	1,700	1,000	700	--	--
Dorchester	3,100	3,700	1,600	1,700	1/	--
Edgefield	8,500	8,000	4,000	4,000	1,100	750
Fairfield	5,700	5,500	3,800	3,800	1/	--
Florence	4,000	3,500	1,800	1,800	1/	--
Georgetown	2,000	1,500	1,100	900	--	--
Greenville	11,100	11,100	5,600	6,000	1/	--
Greenwood	13,500	12,200	8,500	8,600	1/	--
Hampton	2,300	2,200	1,000	900	--	--
Horry	10,100	11,700	5,000	4,000	1/	--
Jasper	1,400	1,100	600	500	--	--
Kershaw	4,100	4,000	2,100	2,300	--	--
Lancaster	12,800	12,000	8,600	8,200	--	--
Laurens	23,800	23,800	11,100	11,700	700	750
Lee	2,800	2,500	1,200	1,100	--	--
Lexington	11,100	10,400	6,400	6,100	1/	--
McCormick	3,000	2,800	1,800	1,700	--	--
Marion	6,400	6,200	3,600	3,500	--	--
Marlboro	3,100	3,100	1,700	1,700	--	--
Newberry	25,100	24,400	10,000	9,600	4,200	3,800
Oconee	18,300	17,800	9,300	8,600	1/	--
Orangeburg	13,600	13,000	3,300	3,700	3,100	2,800
Pickens	9,500	8,800	5,400	5,100	1/	--
Richland	2,600	2,200	1,200	1,200	1/	--
Saluda	25,800	23,000	14,600	13,200	1,150	1,100
Spartanburg	22,300	22,900	10,400	10,700	1,400	1,400
Sumter	5,200	5,500	2,500	1,700	1/	1,000
Union	6,400	6,500	3,700	4,300	--	--
Williamsburg	4,000	4,600	2,500	2,300	--	--
York	21,500	19,000	10,300	10,700	1/	--
Other Counties 2/	--	--	--	--	4,000	3,000
<b>State</b>	<b>435,000</b>	<b>415,000</b>	<b>222,000</b>	<b>213,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>17,000</b>

1/ Included in other counties. 2/ Other counties not published separately due to established Agency guidelines.

**COTTON COUNTY ESTIMATES**  
**COTTON: Acreage, Yield and Production by Counties, South Carolina, 2004, and 2005**

County	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production 480 Lb. Net Weight Bale	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	-----Acres-----				Pounds		Bales	
Aiken .....	4,000	4,300	4,000	4,300	1,140	647	9,500	5,800
Allendale .....	1,600	2,300	1,600	2,300	690	793	2,300	3,800
Anderson .....	600	600	600	600	640	960	800	1,200
Bamberg .....	5,600	6,900	5,600	6,800	866	769	10,100	10,900
Barnwell .....	4,400	5,800	4,300	5,800	647	786	5,800	9,500
Berkeley .....	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	524	524	1,200	1,200
Calhoun .....	21,100	23,500	21,000	23,500	885	831	38,700	40,700
Chester .....	1,600	1,800	1,500	1,800	704	907	2,200	3,400
Chesterfield .....	900	1,100	900	1,100	960	698	1,800	1,600
Clarendon .....	3,300	2,000	3,300	2,000	495	816	3,400	3,400
Colleton .....	1,300	1,900	1,300	1,900	702	682	1,900	2,700
Darlington .....	30,500	35,900	30,400	35,800	954	783	60,400	58,400
Dillon .....	15,300	17,300	15,300	17,300	853	610	27,200	22,000
Dorchester .....	6,200	7,800	6,200	7,800	836	646	10,800	10,500
Edgefield .....	700	800	700	800	549	660	800	1,100
Florence .....	8,100	13,200	8,100	13,100	664	736	11,200	20,100
Georgetown .....	900	1,400	900	1,400	640	720	1,200	2,100
Hampton .....	7,400	9,400	7,400	9,300	739	821	11,400	15,900
Horry .....	1,900	4,200	1,900	4,100	1,061	913	4,200	7,800
Kershaw .....	400	500	400	500	720	672	600	700
Lee .....	16,000	19,100	15,900	19,000	906	720	30,000	28,500
Lexington .....	2,400	3,000	2,400	3,000	1,020	656	5,100	4,100
Marion .....	2,000	2,100	2,000	2,100	1,128	777	4,700	3,400
Marlboro .....	26,900	34,300	26,800	34,300	887	735	49,500	52,500
Newberry .....	600	800	600	800	880	660	1,100	1,100
Orangeburg .....	23,200	28,500	23,100	28,300	1,016	775	48,900	45,700
Richland .....	1,500	3,300	1,500	3,300	672	727	2,100	5,000
Saluda .....	900	1,100	600	1,100	1,360	873	1,700	2,000
Sumter .....	4,000	5,500	4,000	5,400	960	649	8,000	7,300
Williamsburg .....	17,000	22,500	17,000	22,400	765	671	27,100	31,300
York .....	3,200	3,400	3,200	3,400	855	748	5,700	5,300
Other Counties 1/ .....	400	300	400	300	720	640	600	400
State	215,000	266,000	214,000	265,000	875	743	390,000	410,000

1/ Other counties not published separately due to established agency guidelines.

**WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION**

**SOUTH CAROLINA'S WINTER WHEAT** production is expected to total 6 million bushels, up 7 percent from May 1 but 30 percent below last year's 8.58 million bushels. This year's expected average yield per acre of 48.0 bushels is up 3 bushels from the May 1, estimate, but down 4 bushels from last year's record high of 52 bushels.

**WINTER WHEAT** production in the UNITED STATES is forecast at 1.26 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the May 1 forecast and 16 percent below 2005. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 40.5 bushels, 3.9 less than last year. Grain area totaled 31.2 million acres, unchanged from May 1.